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Train death reported Saturday

By Neita Cecil

As of Monday, August 13, 2018

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A man in his late 40s was killed when he was struck by a train Saturday night just after 9 p.m. in the area of First and Terminal streets, according to The Dalles Police Department.

It is the third such fatality since last December, and the fourth since 2014.

The man's name was not being released pending notification of next of kin, said The Dalles Police Capt. Jamie Carrico. It appears he is from out of town, he said.

There were no signs as of now that the man was intoxicated, and witnesses "saw him straddle the rail" Carrico said. At least one person saw the crash happen, he said. The trains also have video that would show the crash, Carrico said.

A local transient was hit and killed by a train last February just west of Exit 82 of Interstate 84.

Another man who was hard of hearing was killed by a train last December near West Second and Cherry Height's Road. The conductor repeatedly sounded his horn by the man didn't turn to look. He did not have his hearing aids on or near him when he died.

That incident occurred just a quarter mile away from another fatal train-pedestrian accident in 2014 near First and Union.

In 2015, a man was sitting cross-legged on the tracks by east First and Laughlin and was hit by a train going 15 mph but was not killed.

A 2012 report by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch found that about 500 pedestrians are killed each year by trains.

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